

## RAILWAY INTERESTS.

## EXCISE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

The ninth annual meeting of the stockholders of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company will be held at New-Haven Wednesday, January 12. From the annual report of the directors to the stockholders, to be submitted at the meeting, the following statistics are gathered:

The receipts during the year ending September 30, 1880, were as follows: From the transportation of passengers, \$2,347,765 47; transportation of freight, mails and express matter, \$1,205,248 97; interest, \$4,421 45; making a total of \$4,204,235 89. The total expenses were \$2,370,690 43, leaving a balance of \$1,923,235 46. After deducting taxes amounting to \$228,259 83, and coupon interest on the Harlem River and Port Chester Railroad amounting to \$150 00, a net balance of \$1,664,985 58 remains. On the Shore Line Division of the road the total receipts for the year were \$742,111 58, while the expenses were \$194,625 13 in transportation account, and \$160,000 per month, making a total of \$294,625 13, and leaving a balance of \$47,585 45.

No member here remarked that the petition had been filed, and the petitioners thus gave hope that it would receive due consideration. He added: "I want to put record on record against leasing piers before they are built."

Mr. Dimock replied: "You don't want to put yourself on record until the question comes up," when Mr. Laubmeier quickly and emphatically responded: "Well, I will put myself on record to state my mind in regard to conducting business. So long as I am in the Board I will not give to three large corporations the exclusive right of preference to my company of domestic traffic."

Mr. Laubmeier, who offered no objection to the present meeting to examine the salary and pay-lists of the department, and economies where reductions could consistently be made, said: "I am in favor of your motion which made the following recommendations:

To reduce the salary of Superintendent of Masonry from \$2,250 to \$1,800; Superintendent of Construction from \$2,250 to \$1,800; Superintendent of Rolling Stock from \$2,250 to \$1,800; the two superintendents of Docks to receive \$100 a month instead of \$1,500 a year; Clerk to the Secretary to receive \$100 instead of \$125 a month; Engineer of Roads to receive \$100 instead of \$150 a month; and the auditor of accounts to receive \$100 instead of \$150 a month.

The report was concurred in by the Board.

Commissioners Lalibert and Dimock then entered into a long discussion upon a resolution offered by Mr. Laubmeier that all communications to the Board should be addressed to the Commissioners, instead of to the secretary. Mr. Dimock said that he did not see how it could be done unless all communications should be returned to the writer. Mr. Laubmeier, however, said the communication not properly addressed should be returned.

Mr. Dimock—"Any citizen has a right to direct communication to the Board, and in this it would not be safe to cast a slur upon the Board to return them. I shall vote against the resolution."

Mr. Laubmeier—"I should send them back, but I understand you say that they will be returned to me, and since the vote of confidence at the annual meeting should be returned to the writer. Mr. Laubmeier, however, said the communication not properly addressed should be returned."

The resolution was voted down by Commissioners Dimock and Vandenberg.

THE READING CONTEST.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Major Bond, Vice-President of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, states that he has been tendered the candidacy for the office of President of the Philadelphia and Reading Company by influential stockholders and that he well accept the position if elected. The following cable has been received by Mr. Klein, one of the receivers of the Reading Railroad from F. B. Gowen:

"Tell our friends not to be alarmed at any reports. Large sums of money will be given without any trouble, so that they may be spared us now, and since the vote of confidence at the annual meeting will be revoked and new ones given me, I expect fully three-fifths of all the votes that will be cast."

The opposition to the present management of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company excited attention in Wall Street. McCollum Bros. & Co., of London, and other large English shareholders, given proxies to Kidder, Peabody & Co., who now sold further proxies in favor of the election of J. S. Bond as successor to President Gowen. The same day, Mr. Laubmeier, who had been a member of the board of governors, and was not known in this city yesterday that they had been selected. At the office of Kidder, Peabody & Co. it was said that the elector might be decided on before the return of Mr. McCollum, a member of the board, who is said to be 800 miles in line. Laubmeier said, "there ought to be 800 men in line to elect him in the regular for young men of good character."

TO MURDERERS TO BE HANGED.

Chancellor Runyan of New Jersey yesterday communicated to Mr. Boeschling, counsel for Franz Hammes, accused of the murder of Meissner, his decision denying the application for a writ of error.

Mr. Boeschling said that he can now be taken to the trial for the sake of the approaching review of the regiment by General Grant, Mr. Beecher said that it would not be recommended unless it could be done honestly and truly. "When the regiment goes to Yorktown to attend the annual celebration of the surrender of Cornwallis," Mr. Beecher said, "there ought to be 800 men in line to elect him in the regular for young men of good character."

STREET-CAR AND FERRY EARNINGS.

ALBANY, Dec. 29.—Under the law requiring a tax on the dividends of corporations, the following companies have filed statements of the business done by them during the year ended November 1:

Eighth Avenue Railroad Co.—Capital, \$1,000,000; share of stock authorized and issued, 10,000; value per share, \$100; capital paid in, \$1,000,000; income per share, \$100; tax, 10 per cent.; Oct. 2, 1880, 3 cent cent;

New-York Ferry Co.—Capital, \$1,000,000; paid in, \$100,000; share of stock authorized and issued, 10,000; value per share, \$100; dividends, Nov. 11, 1879, 4 per cent.; April 18, 1880, 4 per cent.; and June 5, 1880, 5 per cent.

Ferry Co.—Capital authorized and paid in, \$60,000; number of shares, 500; value per share, \$120; dividends—April 3, 1880, 3½ per cent., and Oct. 5, 1880, 3½ per cent.—per cent.; State tax, \$87 50.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD SALE.

NOW PURCHASE BY THE D. L. & W.

ELMIRA, Dec. 29.—It is rumored here that the New-York, Lake Ontario and Western Railroad is negotiating for the control of the Tioga Road and of the Binghamton Coal Company, whose headquarters are in this city. This interest is one of the most valuable in Northern Pennsylvania, consisting of about sixty miles of railroad, running from Binghamton to Elmira, and of about 25,000 acres of coal lands. The coal is of various qualities, choice, and is very abundant and capable of producing great quantities of coke.

This road has no accommodation whatever for passengers, as required by law, and its earnings are small. The roads and stations and the revenue members of the board, Commissioners Watson and Mandeville, were adopted.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE EXCISE BOARD.

Excise Commissioner Emmanuel B. Hart took his seat yesterday, and the Board granted about fifty licenses. Three applications were rejected—one by Frederick Kropp, of No. 3 Worth-st, because of non-compliance with the requirements of the Excise law; his place had no accommodation whatever for passengers, as required by law, and its earnings are small. The roads and stations and the revenue members of the board, Commissioners Watson and Mandeville, were adopted.

UNEXPENDED POLICE FUNDS.

A request by the Mayor for a transfer of unexpended balances in the police appropriation for 1879, to the amount of \$9,000, to the account of stationers and of the printing of *The City Record*, came up in the Police Board Tuesday. General Smith voted No. Commissioner Mason sarcastically inquired why. General Smith replied that he did not wish to encourage any dependence in the practice of overrunning its appropriation, and could not understand how a reform Mayor could lend his countenance to any such scheme. However, the Board sanctioned the transfer by a vote of three to two.

## THE FIRE RECORD.

HEAVY LOSS ON THE EAST SIDE.

BUILDINGS ON CHERRY AND MONROE STS. DESTROYED

—THE DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION.

A fire early yesterday morning destroyed property valued at over \$200,000, including two large brick buildings, one on Cherry-st, and one on Monroe-st, near Montgomery-st. The fire originated on the third floor of No. 334 Cherry-st, which was occupied as a varnishing room by Brown & Bliss, manufacturers of dimensions furniture, whose factory, at No. 108 Monroe-st, was connected with this room by a bridge. The building includes Nos. 330 to 338 Cherry-st, and contained several occupancies. It was built in 1832, and was for many a Methodist Church. In 1851 it was converted into a cracker bakery by C. T. Wilson. The other occupancies were the American Veneer Company (P. Dassan), the J. M. Soap Company, and Bell & Mitchell, druggists.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock by Mr. Bernhard, a workman at M. & H. Schreiber, manufacturers of parlor furniture, occupying the fifth-story brick building, including Nos. 160 to 165 Monroe-st. Bernhard set the alarm, but was unable to find Brown & Bliss' watchman, Koch. The inflammable material in the building caused the fire to spread with great rapidity, and it soon extended to the connecting building in Monroe-st. Battalion Chief Miller was the first at the scene, and soon sent out a second and third alarm. Six special alarms were also struck by the department chief, and seventeen engines and five hook-and-ladder companies responded. Little could be done except to prevent the flames from spreading to Schreiber's building. In each story there were ten windows open to the attack of the flames, and the rooms were filled with costly carved furniture, and it was under control, but up to late hour yesterday the fire was under control, but up to late hour yesterday the flames still smoldered under the ruins.

The walls of the burning building fell on a shed in Skinner's yard on Cherry-st, doing damage to the amount of \$4,000. The Schreiber's estimate their loss by fire and water from \$10,000 to \$15,000 on stock and building. They had employed from 175 to 200 men, who will be thrown out or work several weeks. The building on Cherry-st was owned by Mr. Elmer Simpson of No. 360 Madison-st. Bell & Mitchell's building is not estimated to have been on the building, but believed that it was fully insured. Brown & Bliss' estimate their loss at \$60,000 on stock, \$16,000 on building, and \$25,000 on merchandise. The loss on the building is \$12,000 on stock and machinery, \$16,000 on stock in Cherry-st building, \$6,500 Bell & Mitchell, manufacturers of machine oil, in the basement of the building, but the upper stories are not estimated to have been on the building, but believed that it was fully insured. 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